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- 2 Austin (William; *Protégé of Queen Caroline*) A.L.S. initials, 4 pp. 4to, Pesaro, Dec. 13th, 1827, to Lady Anne Hamilton

"... I have heard from Dr. L[ushington] giving me a bad account of the D. of Y.'s health; my sheet anchor would then be gone, where any hopes may then be placed I know not... The greatest rescal of all M... boasted of having lately received £500 from the K., which is not believed..." etc.

- 3 Burton (Sir Richard) A.L.S., 3 pp. 8vo, Trieste, Nov. 10th [1884], to J. W. Hope—and 2 others (3)

" . . . I very well remember your kindness in assisting me to copy a certain book. Mr. Locke made such an abominable mull of the whole business that I never would print it. I enclose papers to show you what I am now doing . . . ," etc.

- 4 Beaconsfield (Earl of) A.L.S. "B. Disraeli," 4 pp. 8vo, Grosvenor Gate, July 24th

"I am too high principled merely to come to eat turtle and not enjoy the gratification of your agreeable society . . . ," etc.

- 5 Beaconsfield (Earl of) A.L.S. "D.," 4 pp. 8vo, Oct. 7th, 1848, to Count D'Orsay

"I came in a spirit of severe, and even savage, criticism, despairing of seeing that countenance of blended energy and beauty, reproduced to my eye and heart by the pencil of even so felicitous an artist as yourself. I beheld again my beloved friend, and after gazing on the bust with an eye, which would glance at nothing else in your studio, I left your room with the consolation that the magic finger of art had afforded the only solace which his bereaved and devoted friends can now welcome—the living resemblance of George Bentinck."

- 6 BECKFORD (SUSAN; afterwards Duchess of Hamilton) A.L.S., 7 pp. folio, West End, Dec. 29th, 1800, to Lady Anne Hamilton, describing the fête given by her father, William Beckford, at Fonthill, to Admiral Lord Nelson, who was accompanied by Sir William and Lady Emma Hamilton

The writer describes their arrival at Fonthill, escorted by volunteers, and their reception by her father "on the landing of the grand flight of steps to the marble hall." During dessert on the first day "Lady Hamilton, Banti, and Sapio sang 'God save the King' and 'Rule Britannia,' the company joining in the chorus." On another day the guests were conveyed in carriages to the Abbey, where the festivities were continued on a very grand scale, the surrounding woods being illuminated. A long description is given of Lady Hamilton's acting, she appearing as Agrippina "bearing the ashes of Germanie in a golden urn," and also as an Abbess.

- 7 Beethoven (Ludwig van) A.L., 2½ pp. 4to, respecting a law-suit and mentioning his nephew, *with portrait*

- 8 Bennett (Sir William Sterndale) A.L.S., 3 pp. 4to, Cambridge, Jan. 17th, 1836—and another (2)

" . . . Am now hastening towards the completion of the overture, from which I shall select several passages to be introduced in the Opera—for instance—I have composed the Bacchanalian Chorus, and have taken the subject from the overture . . .," etc.

- 9 Bloomfield (Robert) A.L.S., 4 pp. 4to, to the Earl of Buchan, *a long and interesting letter comparing himself with Burns, with portrait*

" . . . *Remember Burns* has been the watchword of my friend. I do remember Burns, but I am not Burns, neither have I his fire to fan or quench, nor his passion to control. Where then is my merit, if I make a peaceful voyage on a smooth sea, and with no mutiny on board? To a lady (I had it from herself) who remonstrated with him on his dangers from drink, and the pursuits of some of his associates, he replied, 'Madam, they would not thank me for my company, if I did not drink with them. I must give them a slice of my constitution.' How much to be regretted that he did not give them thinner slices . . .," etc.

- 10 Browne (Hablot Knight, "*Phiz*") A.L.S., 3 pp. 8vo, Croydon, Jan. 20th, 1850, to E. J. Niemann

" My stock of 'pluck' is tolerably extensive, but in the article Time I am very short . . .," etc.

- 11 Brummell (George Bryan, "*Beau Brummell*") A.L.S., 2 pp. 8vo, Caen, 1835—also a Short Note announcing Queen Charlotte's death—Jesse (John Heneage) A.L.S., 2 pp. 8vo, Admiralty, 20 Jan., 1841 (3)

" I am sadly out of sorts with the world and with myself—no propitious tidings come to me. Nothing cheers me but the occasional sunbeam that looks in upon me from heaven; when that retires all is darkness and despondency to me. It seems to me a century since I have been in this intolerable bondage . . .," etc.—*Brummell*

- 12 BURNS (ROBERT) A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to, Edinburgh, 25th Oct., 1787, to John Richmond, Writer, Mauchline; *with portrait*

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 " I have been rambling over the world ever since I saw you, through the heart of the Highlands . . . I have done nothing else but visit cascades, prospects, ruins, and Druidical temples, learned Highland tunes and pickt up Scotch songs, Jacobite anecdotes, etc., these two months. . . .

I hope you enjoy good health, good spirits and some hope, the great

Beaume de Vie in this world . . . I am busy at present assisting with a Collection of Scotch Songs set to Music by an Engraver in this town. It is to contain all the Scotch Songs, those that have been already set to music and those that have not, that can be found . . . By the way, I hear I am a girl out of pocket and by careless murdering mischance too, which has provoked me and vexed me a good deal. I beg you will write me immediately on receipt of this, and let me know the news of Armour's family, if the world begin to talk of Jean's appearance any way . . .," etc.

- 5/1- 13 Buchan (David Steuart Erskine, Earl of) A.L.S., 10 pp. 4to, Dryburgh Abbey, April 12th, 1802, to Lady Elcho, with copious extracts from Geddes's translations into the Scottish dialect, AND RESPECTING HIS INFLUENCE ON ROBERT BURNS

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- 3/5/1- 14 Buchan (Earl of) A.L., 3 pp. 8vo, Aug. 17th, 1802, respecting a portrait of Mary Queen of Scots, *with drawing*—Mar (Earl of) A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to, Edin., Aug. 12th, 1802, to the Earl of Buchan, on the same subject (2)

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"... My dear Urania! remember all that I have said to you heretofore and look again and again at my youthful life in your hands and so think and conduct yourself that we may meet at last in the Regions of tranquillity and immortal Bliss. Farewell."

- 17/- 16 CAROLINE (Queen) A.L.S. initials, 2 pp. 4to, July 20th [1814], to the same—A.L.S., 1 p. 4to, 20th July, 1820, to Messrs. Coutts respecting letters of credit, *with portrait and seal*

"... Do send me a copy of my letter to the King of yesterday as it must go to the Evening Papers of to-day. . . . You may also be sure no answer will be given by neither the King nor Lord Sidmouth . . .," etc.

- 8/- 17 CAROLINE (Queen) A.L.S., 2 pp. 8vo, Bath, March 25th, to William Austin, her Protégé

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"... Under the circumstances I have been placed in this country I never can take any Person in my family of which I am not well acquainted with . . . this is the *long experience* I have made in this *Country!!* So much about nothing! but still a great deal for my Comfort and tranquility . . .," etc.

- 34/- 20 CAROLINE (Queen) L.S., 1 p. 4to, Brandenburg House, 12th Sept. 1820, commanding Mr. S. Fyson to procure *such persons as may be considered by him necessary to give Evidence on her behalf*—Brougham (Lord) A.L.S. by him and others of Her Majesty's Counsel, 3 pp. 4to, to Queen Caroline respecting a newspaper report, and entreating Her Majesty to *furnish no means for making such publications in future, pending this inquiry*—Truro (Lord; one of Her

Majesty's Counsel) A.L.S. "Thomas Wilde," 11 pp. 4to, Aug. 2, 1820, to Lady Anne Hamilton; a long and interesting letter respecting the Queen's trial—Vizard (W., *her Solicitor*) A.L.S., 6 pp. 8vo, 8th July, 1820, to the same respecting the evidence of Lady C. Lindsay—Manby (Admiral) A.L.S., 3 pp. 4to, May 5th, 1822, to the same, respecting the Queen, *what you so kindly gave me is deposited near my heart and shall share the awful silence of my grave*—and others of Samuel Fyson, Sir Thomas Tyrwhit, the Rev. Robert Fellowes, etc., *with various portraits* (a parcel)

- 4/ 21 CAROLINE (Queen): A.L., anonymous, but probably by Richard Hely Hutchinson, first Earl of Donoughmore, June 7th, 1820, to H.M. Queen Caroline

"BEWARE OF MR. BROUGHAM: he is well known to have proved himself a hollow-hearted man, in personal and private transactions . . . Beware of him, therefore, on the present most important and awful occasion. 'Let no such man be trusted' . . .," etc.

- 5/ 22 CAROLINE (Queen): Hamilton (Lady Anne; *lady-in-waiting to Queen Caroline*) A.L.S., 3 pp. 4to, 16th July, 1820, to her brother, Lord Archibald Hamilton, respecting Prince Leopold's treatment of the Queen, *with seal*—Leopold of Coburg (Prince) A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to, Claremont, 24th July, 1820, to the same and on the same subject (2)

"Her Majesty has not been well enough to think upon the subject of Prince Leopold before; But that the more she does think upon it, the more her Majesty feels hurt, if not indignant, at the neglect, and want of feeling she has experienced from the Husband of her beloved Daughter . . . This is as near as I can collect them Her Majesty's own words, but she speaks quick, *when her feelings are excited* . . .," etc.

"Gratefully I acknowledge the manly and open manner in which you have imparted to me certain communications. I cannot however conceal how much mortified I am and how sincerely I lament to find, that there prevails such irritation in certain quarters . . . But I entertained . . . a faint hope, that the Queen in passing sentence on my conduct, might perhaps recollect, that the perplexity of my situation absolutely arises from causes over which I had never any control—and in remembering 'Princess Charlotte' . . .," etc.

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his bookseller respecting some books which should have
been returned

"... I gladly accepted Mrs. Gillman's offer that she would see
them properly sent off. That it slipped out of her memory, more
grieves than surprises me, for in a house with piles of books in every
corner, a parcel of books is not the most likely object to strike a
Lady's eye . . .," etc.

28/- 26 Condé (Louis Joseph de Bourbon, Prince de) A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to,
Bingen, Apl. 1st, 1792, on the French Revolution, with
translation

"... I regret that my gout has deprived me the pleasure of seeing
and conversing with you about the misfortunes of France, which
Count d'Artois and myself had long foreseen and expected from the
first explosion of the fatal principles which have plunged France into
a deplorable abyss. I assure you that to the Prince alone belongs all
the honor of the resolution he has taken, it was noble and necessary,
and if our retreat has as yet preserved the House of Bourbon, only
perhaps one day it will save France, and we are not without hope in
that respect. I have witnessed during the three last months, and in
the most severe weather, the touching scenes which have so much
and so justly interested you, that courage, devotedness, patience, and
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1856, to Mowbray Morris (3)

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July 24th, 1826, to Lady Anne Hamilton, *with portrait*

"Circumstances, my Dear Lady Anne, are all powerfull and much
I regret that they have, I will venture to say against *our* will, thus
divided us . . .," etc.

- 9/- 29 Derby (Edward, Earl of) A.L.S., 4 pp. 4to, Dec. 16th, 1794, to his son Lord Stanley at Cambridge, mentioning Pitt, and Miss Farren

" . . . Mrs. and Miss F. accept your apology and desire their best remembrances "

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" Maclise and I, coming from the place where you were *not* last night, and going into the Piazza to supper, then and there encountered Forster, who learning how we were engaged to-morrow morning enquired (with much humility and prostration of spirit) whether I thought you would give him house-room . . . ," etc.

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- 36 Frederick Augustus (Prince; Duke of York) A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to, Horse Guards, Dec. 5th, 1806, to the Rt. Hon. W. Windham, respecting Capt. King, wounded in Egypt, *with fine stipple portrait of the Duchess of York by CONDÉ*
- 37 Ireland.—Limerick (Earl of) A.L.S., 8 pp. 4to, Dublin, Sept. 18th, 1775, a long and very interesting letter
- “ . . . I am now in Dublin to receive my Lord Lieutenant's commands and sollicit his assistance towards putting our Country in some posture of defence. We have the misfortune of being outnumbered by the Papists by at least five to one. . . . I believe I may say there is no country in Europe so naked and defenceless as Ireland is at this time. I am well assured that the effective men in our regular troops do not exceed six thousand, and if the two Battallions, ordered to be held in readiness for embarkation, should be transported to England, your Lordship will judge whether the poor pittance left us be sufficient to keep a million and a half of Papists in order, and as to foreign force we are in no condition to oppose it . . . ,” etc.
- 38 JOHNSON (Samuel) A.L.S., 1 p. 4to, May 31st, 1778, to Cadell, respecting Stockdale's History of Spain
- “ Mr. Stockdale desires me to mention to you a small literary project, of which, I hope, you will have no ill opinion. He proposes to write, in three octavo volumes, a Short History of Spain. We have none in our language but translations. It is a very interesting story . . . ,” etc.
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- 41 Landseer (Sir Edwin Henry) A.L.S., 1 p. 8vo, Jan. 14th, 1844, *with two Original Drawings*—Landseer (Charles) A.L., third person, *with Original Drawing* (2)
- 42 Livingstone (David) A.L.S., 2½ pp. 4to, 18, Hart St., Bloomsbury, Feb. 10th, 1858, to J. Board, Esq., M.P.
- “ . . . thanking you for the beautiful stereoscope which you left for the purpose of aiding my efforts in the elevation of the African races . . . ,” etc.

43 Louis XVIII. A.L.S., 1 p. 4to, Varsovie, Mars, 1802, to M. l'Archevêque de Narbonne

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- 51 Morris (Charles; *Song Writer*) A.L.S., 1 p. 4to, Feb. 4th, 1829, enclosing some lines, 2½ pp. 4to, "*On the destruction of the long celebrated Star and Garter Tavern, Pall Mall, now pulling down,*" with proof mezzotint portrait

- 52 Napoleon:—Lines written by Henry MacDonagh on seeing the grave of Napoleon at St. Helena, at which a French lady was pensively contemplating and weeping, 4 pp. 4to

- 53 NELSON (Admiral Lord) A.L.S., 2 pp. 4to, Jan. 28th, 1801, to Lady Hamilton, A LONG AND INTERESTING LETTER; *with portraits*

"What a fool I was my Dear Lady Hamilton to direct that your cheering letters should be directed for Brixham. I feel this day truly miserable in not having them and I fear they will not come till tomorrow's post, what a Blockhead to believe that any person is so active as myself . . . my Eye is very bad and I have had the Physician of the fleet to examine it, he has directed me not to write . . . (you are the only female I write to), not to eat anything but the most simple food, not to touch wine or *porter*, to sit in a dark room, to have green shades for my eyes, will you my Dear friend make me one or two, nobody else shall . . . I have this moment seen Mrs. Thomson's friend poor fellow he seems very weary and melancholy, he begs you to be kind to her, and I have assured him of your readiness to relieve the dear good woman, and Believe me for Ever my Dear Lady, your faithful attached and affectionate Nelson and Bronte.

- 54 Newcastle (Henry Pelham-Clinton, Duke of) A.L.S., 4 pp. 4to, Portman Sq., Nov. 15th, 1850, to Sir Robert Peel, respecting the arms of the Notts Regiment of Militia, and to the State of the County, *with portrait*

"A large and determined mob might be able to gain possession of them by a *coup de main*, but not if the staff, in whose care they are, took proper precautions and, if attacked made a resolute resistance . . . For what I know to the contrary, Nottinghamshire is as quiet as ever I knew it . . . If you are aware of circumstances of which I am ignorant and that I shall receive your directions to have the locks, etc. removed from the arms your orders shall be obeyed . . . I would very strongly advise that a step should not be taken which would cause very great alarm and create what I should most wish to avoid unfounded distrust and consternation . . .," etc.

- 55 O'Meara (Barry E.) A.L.S., 4 pp. 8vo, 22nd July, 1820, to Lady Anne Hamilton—also a Note to the same, in the third person, enclosing his "Mémoires de Napoléon" (2)

"Mademoiselle D'Ancemont's work on Napoleon is a collection of number of falsehoods . . . respecting that great man . . . Mrs. McDougal I have seen several times at St. Helena. What she states of her history is true. She is a *fine woman*, but I fear that she has so many admirers and visitors, that she would not answer for the situation of a Lady's maid . . .," etc.

- 56 O'Meara (Barry E.) A.L.S., *signature erased*, 4 pp. 8vo, to Lady Anne Hamilton, a very interesting letter respecting Queen Caroline

"I have just heard (from a person who is in a situation to learn a good deal of what is going on) an account of the intentions of Ministers towards Her Majesty, which, if true, exceeds anything that they have yet effected . . . that in case of the Bills being passed in the House of Lords they intend to have Her Majesty seized, put on board ship and hurried out of the country to the continent as an alien, before the nation knows anything about it. . . . That this is the reason they are collecting such immense masses of troops in the vicinity of London, in order to have them ready for a *coup de main* . . .," etc.

- 57 O'Meara (Barry E.) Two A.L.S., 10 pp. 8vo, August 15th, and May 23rd, to the same, respecting Napoleon, Abbé Buonavita, Queen Caroline, etc. (2)

" . . . Many thanks for the motto. This is *his* [Napoleon's] birthday, which I shall not fail to keep sacred.

. . . You may probably recollect the Abbé Buonavita, the venerable prelate, who went out about two years ago to St. Helena as almoner to Napoleon . . . he was almost invariably ill . . . He was in consequence sent to Europe . . . On his arrival in the river on Thursday the 10th, neither his advanced age (being near 70), nor the deplorable state of his health, nor the sanctity of his profession and known respectability of his character, could prevent our Government from having the barbarity to refuse him permission to land . . .," etc.

- 58 O'Meara (Barry E.) A.L.S., 4 pp. 8vo, without date, to Lady Anne Hamilton, mentioning Napoleon

" . . . I am grieved to say that all the intelligence which I have received from the Rock agrees in representing the state of disease of the illustrious prisoner to be very bad, almost hopeless indeed. The miscreants who sent him there will, I fear, be soon gratified . . . It was my friend Mr. Holmes who saluted Lord Mount Charles with a very pretty *pat under the left eye*, which his Lordship has not thought proper to resent . . .," etc.

- 59 PITT (William) A.L.S., 2½ pp. 4to, Downing Street, Sept. 1st, 1804, to Lt.-Col. Dillon, *with portrait*

"As the Harvest is now nearly over, I imagine this would be a very convenient time for proposing to assemble your Battalion on permanent duty; and there seems chance enough of the occasion arising for actual Service, to make it desirable that there should be as little delay as possible . . .," etc.

- 60 POLITICAL and LEGAL. A Collection of upwards of 160 Autograph Letters, *with numerous portraits, mounted in a 4to vol., morocco*

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- 61 Robinson (H. Crabb) A.L.S. initials, 4 pp. 4to, Rome, 26 May, 1830, to Thomas Amyot, the antiquary

"... I have been over the Phlegrean fields and found that a dirty pond was the Avernus, an ugly nursery ground or hop garden was the Elysian fields, and saw in the filthiest of all corners filled with washerwomen the fountain Arethusa . . .," etc.

- 62 ROSSETTI (D. G.) A.L.S., 4 pp. 8vo, Kelmscott, July 13th, 1873, to Mr. Watts

"... M— MSS. shall reach you as soon as George returns . . . They are of course full of artistic competence in execution though I think seldom reaching any special attainment, such as was sometimes present in his earlier sonnets. The feeling expressed is no doubt heartfelt, but when feeling supersedes the care for preciousness in a class of work which is nothing if not precious, monotony is apt to be the result . . .," etc.

- 63 SCOTT (SIR WALTER) A.L.S., 4 pp. 4to, Edin., Jan. 17th, 1802, to Lady Anne Hamilton, *with portrait*

"... I have been making some notes concerning the Scottish Law of Marriage as it presently stands which I hope may in some degree facilitate the researches which Lord Archibald seems disposed to make into a subject so very interesting to the country. There never was a period during the history of this country apparently more favourable to the improvements of its laws. . . . National Defence swallowed up till lately every lesser consideration. . . . Are we not therefore entitled to expect at this crisis the exertions of our native Nobles whose forefathers led us to battle for the independence of our country? It is an excuse often made by men of Rank for withdraw-

SCOTT (SIR WALTER)—*Continued.*

ing themselves from active political exertion, that they leave it in the hands of those who are what is called *bred to business*. By this means the natural rules of political influence have been often inverted and the rudder of the state has been abandoned to a professional Adventurer . . . important and valuable alterations in the Law of a Country are most likely to be accomplished by those who have *not* received a professional education . . . I am just interrupted by a visit from the Hero of Copenhagen. He has promised to dine with me Tuesday to meet Campbell and Leyden. If I can keep my two poets from disputing I shall think myself cleverer than Gil Blas . . .," etc.

- 64 SCOTT (SIR WALTER) A.L.S., 5 pp. 4to, 23 Feb., 1802, to Lady Anne Hamilton, *with portrait*

" . . . I always remind myself of the *bequest* which once upon a time the wren made to the family of Hamilton . . . this magnanimous and patriotic bird, after disposing of his personal property to useful and public services, such as one of his legs to prop the Bridge of Forth and the other to prop the Bridge of Tay, at length instructs his Executors thus—

'And then ye'll take my gallant *bill*,
My bill that pecks the corn,
And give it to the Duke of Hamilton
To be a *hunting horn*.'

I am very curious to know how Lady Douglas likes the Border poems. You will be pleased to learn that the sale here is rapid—how they will suit the London *Market* (as the Booksellers say) I cannot even guess. . . . Did I ever tell you that my Ancestors were armour bearers to the Douglas's. . . . They once held a large estate the grant of Earl Douglas for their good services in battle about 1417, which was sold piecemeal, the last remnants by my grand-uncle. So that my father who represented the family in right of his mother got nothing but a title to lay his bones and those of his descendants in the Chancel of Dryburgh Abbey . . .," etc.

- 65 Serres (Mrs. Olivia; *assumed title of Princess Olive of Cumberland*) A.L.S. "Olive Cumberland," 2 pp. 4to, to Queen Charlotte, *respecting certain "aspersions thrown on your Majesty's character"*—A.L.S., 1½ pp. 4to, 2, Park Row, to Lady Anne Hamilton, *mentioning her History of England in verse, with newspaper cuttings of the Trial* (2)

66 SHELLEY (PERCY BYSSHE) A.L.S., $3\frac{1}{2}$ pp. 4to (*portion only, with signature partially torn away*), Field Place, Apl. 22nd, to [George Farquhar] Graham, CONTAINING THE POEM OF "ST. IRVYNE'S TOWER"

"Enclosed I send you some lines which I can assure you are natural, and which I believe I owe you, as you wanted at Xmas to try your powers of composition with some Poetry of mine . . . you may set them to music if you think them worth it. I shall see you in London, I must indeed, as you are the only friend to whom I can communicate what perhaps I shall wish to consult with you upon. Burn this letter . . .," etc.

The printed version of "St. Irvyne's Tower" contains six verses, but the manuscript ten. The sixth of the printed version is omitted, but between verses four and five are the following :

For there a youth with dark'ned brow;
His long lost love is heard to mourn;
He vents his swelling bosom's woe,
Ah! when will hours like these return?

O'er this torn soul, o'er this frail form,
Let feast the fiends of tortured love,
Let hover dire fate's terrific storm;
I would the pangs of death to prove.

Ah! why do prating priests suppose
That God can give the wretch relief?
Can stop the bosom's burning woe,
Or calm the tide of frantic grief!

[The 8th verse is incomplete.]

No power of Earth, of Hell, or Heaven
Can still the tumult of my brain;
The power to none save ——'s given
To calm my bosom's frantic pain.

In the MS. the second line of verse 4 reads, "The moonbeam pours its silver ray," instead of "The silver moonbeam pours its ray," and the last line of verse 5 reads, "The dark shade of futurity," instead of "The dim mists of futurity."

- 67 SWINBURNE (Algernon Charles) A.L.S., 4 pp. 8vo, Holmwood, April 8th, to Mr. Watts, mentioning several of his Poems
- “ . . . I never noticed till this minute the monotony of assonances in those two old sonnets of mine, and am sorry to find it so patent to a fine ear for verse. In the first especially it is much too palpable. But the sonnet with its innumerable refinements and by-laws has never been a favourite form of work with me except at rare intervals by way of a change or trial of skill. I have had infinite trouble in casting and re-casting the dedicatory sonnet of ‘Bothwell’ to Victor Hugo so as to meet the minute requirements of French criticism . . . ,” etc.
- 68 Talleyrand-Périgord (Prince) A.L.S., 1 p. 4to, Nov. 10th, to M. Colmache
- 69 THACKERAY (William Makepeace) A.L.S., 1 p. 8vo, 13, Young Street, Kensington, Tuesday, to Mowbray Morris, “*hope to call on you before the week is over and shake hands with an old friend*”
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- 88 Wellington (Duke of) A.L.S., 1 p. 8vo, Villa Toro, Oct. 5th, 1812, to the same

“ Our Mine succeeded, and we took the Enemy’s exterior line by storm yesterday afternoon with small loss. The 24th behaved admirably . . . ,” etc.

- 89 Wellington (Duke of) L.S., 3½ pp. 8vo, Villa Toro, Oct. 12th, 1812, to the same, *partly in cipher with the translation written below*

“ . . . If I should raise the Siege of this place and should move from hence the movement will be occasioned by the necessity of collecting our Forces in Castille in consequence of the collecting of Enemy’s Troops the South and East of Peninsula and their movement upon Madrid in too great force for Sir R. Hill . . . I apprehend that I shall have upon my hands in Castille more of Enemy than I can well manage . . . ,” etc.

- 90 Wellington (Duke of) L.S., 2½ pp. 4to, Villa Toro, Oct. 21st, 1812, to the same, *partly in cipher with translation written below*

" . . . It seems evident that Soult contrary to my expectations is about to move on Madrid with whole of the Troops in Valencia and Murcia If I do not in the course of this evening receive any account from Sir R. Hill which should induce me to believe that the Enemy are not marching on Tagus, I propose to raise the siege of Burgos and withdraw across Arlanzon. I shall not therefore want guns which you were so kind as to send to Reynosa . . . , " etc.

- 91 Wellington (Duke of) A.L.S., 5½ pp. 4to, Torrelodones, Aug. 11th, 1812, to the same, *a long and important letter*

" In regard to Mendizabel's operations it is difficult if not impossible for me to point out what they ought to be, as I am entirely ignorant of his Force and means. I have never yet seen or heard of a Spanish Corps capable of undertaking any serious operations against the Enemy unless in co-operation with a British Corps. In regard to us after I had driven Marmont's Army beyond the Douro, and that they had quitted that river on their way to Burgos in a state of disorganization and distress from which they will not soon recover, I turned my attention towards the Army of the centre under the King which was collecting on my flank and in my rear. They have retired from Madrid and I hope to be in that City to-morrow Any Town or Village which should supply the enemy with anything, unless obliged by force of arms, should be destroyed. If the Spaniards won't raise regular Armies and fight like other people, we must make the whole population enter into the war if they chuse to continue it. . . . The numbers in your Signal Book would be as good a cypher as we could use . . . , " etc.

- 92 Wellington (Duke of) L.S., 4 pp. 4to, Villa Toro, Oct. 17th, 1812, to the same, *partly in cipher with translation written below*

" The possession of Santona is very important in every point of view particularly if possession will facilitate your remaining on the coast. You know best whether you can obtain possession with the means in your power. If you cannot, and if you think the attempt will draw towards you Enemy's operations and that you may be obliged to withdraw from Santander, it is better that the attempt should not be made. What I want is that your Squadron and Marines should remain on the Coast during Winter, by which they will render me the important service of preventing Enemy from sending the whole Army of North across the Ebro. I don't see the advantage however which would result from Lord Keith's proposal that General Mendizabel should join me. I have more of that kind than I know what to do with . . . , " etc.

- 93 Wellington (Duke of) A.L.S., $1\frac{1}{2}$ pp. 4to, Villa Toro, Sept. 26th, 1812, to the same

"I am much in need of 40 Barrels of Gunpowder each containing 90 pounds for the attack of this place, and I shall be very much obliged to you if you can let me have this quantity from the Ships under your command . . .," etc.

- 94 Wellington (Duke of) A.L.S., 1 p. 8vo, Villa Toro, Oct. 2nd, 1812, to the same, *asking for 200 Quintals of Gunpowder to be given the bearer*

- 95 Wellington (Duke of) A.L.S., $1\frac{1}{2}$ pp. 8vo, Cuellar, Aug. 4th, 1812, to the same

"I take the opportunity of Lord March's going to Corunna with despatches for England to write you a few lines to inform you that we have driven Marmont's Army I believe as far as Burgos since our Victory of the 22nd of last month. I have come here with our Right in order to look a little after the King, who had assembled the Army of the Centre about Segovia, but he has retired upon Madrid . . .," etc.

- 96 Wellington (Duke of) L.S., 2 pp. 4to, Villa Toro, Oct. 9th, 1812, to the same, *partly in cipher with translation*

" . . . We have made a practicable breach in the second Line of the Enemy's Works, and we are now firing Hot Shot on the Magazine, but I am afraid I cannot storm for want of musquet Ammunition, our expenditure has been beyond all calculation particularly in two sorties made by the Enemy on the 5th and yesterday morning. . . . If I should have reason to expect supplies . . . I will storm when the Magazine is on fire, if not I must turn our Siege into Blockade . . .," etc.

- 97 Wellington (Duke of) Two L.S., $3\frac{1}{2}$ pp. folio and 1 p. 4to, Villa Toro, Oct. 2nd and 14th, to the same—also copies of four other letters (6)

" . . . I am very much afraid I shall not take this castle. It is very strong, well garrisoned, and well provided with Artillery. I had only three pieces of Cannon of which one was destroyed last night, and not much Ammunition, and I have not been able to get on as I ought. I have, however, got a Mine under one of the Works, which I hope will enable me to carry the exterior Line, and when that is carried, I hope that I shall get on better. But time is wearing apace, and Soult is moving from the South, and I should not be surprized if I were obliged to discontinue this Operation in order to collect the Army . . .," etc.

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